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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SHAW).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 2, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable E. CLAY SHAW, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend David Lauer, Campus Minister, Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, offered the following prayer:

O Lord and Maker of us all, whose light shines upon us all and whose guidance is for all, we humbly ask that Your grace rest upon this House today and that Your will be done here today.

For we acknowledge and thank You for all the blessings we share, especially the freedom we enjoy as Your children day by day, and the joy of living together as one family, and for Your care and keeping in all times and in all seasons.

Bless now Your servants in this place. Bless and lead them as they care for one another, for this land and for Your world. With Your mercy and Your love, bless and guide each Member, that in all things today, they might add to the beauty and peace of Your world and thus add honor and glory unto Your holy name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BERRY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNIZING THE REVEREND DAVID LAUER

(Mr. PETRI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize one of my constituents who is serving as our guest chaplain today, the Reverend David Lauer. Reverend Lauer is the campus minister and Marjorie and Richard D. Leach Professor of Theological Studies of Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. At Lakeland, he teaches in the areas of Old and New Testament, liturgy, contemporary ethics and contemporary theology. Reverend Lauer just completed his 36th year as coach of the men's varsity tennis team and has been inducted into Lakeland's Athletic Hall of Fame.

David received his bachelor of arts degree from Heidelberg College and his master of divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary. He will celebrate 40 years of marriage to Lynne Jenkins next year.

I know my colleagues join me in welcoming Reverend Lauer to the House today.

LIFETIME LEARNING

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, strong economic news can be found wherever we

look these days: 337,000 new jobs created in March; another 288,000 in April. May numbers due out at the end of this week are expected to be good, but numbers alone do not paint the picture of the economy that we are trying to build. That is why the summer economic agenda in the House, the Careers Initiative, is about much more than numbers.

This week, we will take on the third component of the Careers Initiative: lifelong learning. When people have access to training and higher education, they can acquire skills and expertise in new and more valuable technologies and improve both their stability and mobility.

They cannot only provide for themselves and their families in the short term but can find the kinds of jobs that will give them and their families security for the future. In other words, Mr. Speaker, lifelong learning can be the difference between having a job and having a career.

The difference may seem small, but it could not be more important. A job is for survival in the here and now. It is something you do for a paycheck to make ends meet. A career, on the other hand, is for the future. It is long-term security for you and your family. It pushes you to get out of bed in the morning and inspires you with a sense of purpose and the feeling that you are making a contribution, and it is something that stays with you your entire life, not just until you punch out at the end of the day.

Through reforms in the Higher Education Act and the new, innovative Worker Reemployment Accounts we will take up this week, the House will help Americans not only make the transition from welfare to work but from jobs to careers.

Lifelong learning is a noble undertaking, Mr. Speaker, and it is more

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